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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

- (1) German Patent Application No. 29 16 212 published October 23, 1980, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0006]; and
- (2) German Patent Application No. 31 01 243 published July 29, 1982, which is discussed in the instant application beginning in paragraph [0006].

The following documents were cited in a Search Report dated August 8, 2003 conducted in European Patent Application No. 030 07 225.0 - 2313, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the European Examiner cited:

- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0013289 published August 16, 2001 as "Y" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question the inventive

step when considered with another document from this category) with regard to claims 1 - 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted paragraph 0047 and Figures 1 and 2 as being particularly relevant;

(4) German Gebrauchsmuster No. 72 20 054 published July 15, 1976 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted claim 1 as being particularly relevant;

(5) European Patent Application No. 0 844 083 published May 27, 1998 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted the Abstract and Figure 1 as being particularly relevant;

(6) German Patent Application No. 101 04 049 published August 14, 2002 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19, and 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted Claim 1 as being particularly relevant;

(7) German Patent Application No. 101 60 734 published July 18, 2002 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19, and 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted claim 1 and Figure 1 as being particularly relevant;

(8) International Publication No. WO 01/26902 published April 19, 2001 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19, and 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted claim 1 as being particularly relevant;

(9) German Patent Application No. 195 27 889 published January 30, 1997 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 8, 10 - 17, 19, and 20 of the European

application. The Examiner noted column 1, lines 36 - 53 as being particularly relevant;

(10) German Patent Application No. 199 37 467 published February 8, 2001 as a "Y" category document with regard to claims 1 - 20 of the European application. The Examiner noted column 3, lines 30 - 33 as being particularly relevant. Further, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of Canadian Patent Application No. 2 378 970 published February 15, 2002, which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as an English language family member of the above-cited German document.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

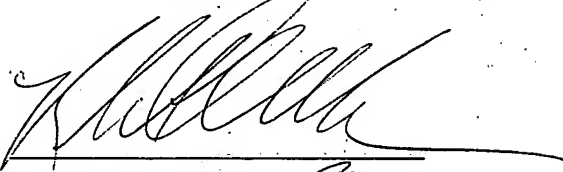
Moreover, copies of the European Search Report and of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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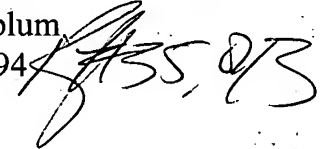
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